The
Non-Subscribing Presbyterian

PRICE TWOPENCE
3s. per annum post free

No. 180. JUNE, 1922.

Contents.

	PAGE
Faith and Freedom	1
Notes of the Month	2
Young People's Page	3
Rev. R. Nicol Cross	4
"A Scion of Ulster"	5
Practical Sympathy	5
Annual Synod	6
Two Notable Books	7
The Sunday School Conference ..	8
The Object of the Sunday School ..	8
Obituary Notices—Morrow, M'Master, M'Ilwrath	11
Lesson Notes	13
Reports	15

N.B.—All Communications should reach the Editor, Ardeevin, Cadogan Park, Belfast, not later than the 16th of the month preceding publication.

Faith and Freedom.

Much doubt seems to prevail in some minds as to the vital relationship between these two things. One quite common but mistaken conception makes freedom a thing achieved for faith in times past and therefore to be received as a precious legacy. It is that and nothing more for some persons—a thing coming from without, to be prized and viewed with facile complacency. If that is all, it does not, and need not, enter into any vital connection with faith. And yet the latter is essential, both if freedom is to be a means to an end and if faith is to realise itself. Faith is no stay-at-home recipient viewing with pride a gift obtained but unutilised. Rather is faith an adventurer, sallying forth by virtue of the freedom it first gets and then fashions to its will. Like a knight of old, a free faith looks around for wrongs to be redressed, captives to be rescued, joyous adventures to be achieved.

Faith realises in this active going forth its three-fold character. It emerges as the representative of intellect, eager to observe and understand the things of mind, alike in the rational realm man inhabits, and in the sphere of nature which is nothing if not rationally constituted. As Sir Henry Jones so clearly makes evident, in his Gifford Lectures, a faith which is free is pre-eminently a faith that enquires. So far from deprecating reason's rights or limiting reason's sway it opens up every avenue to truth and permits free ingress to one and all.

Secondly, it ventures forth into the world with feelings quick to receive and to respond. It would be no real freedom were it not free to love the highest it could see or conceive. No dogmas, however hoary or sacred, must limit the possibilities of Divine forgiveness or postulate the limits within which infinite love shall operate. Where intellect perceives incompatibilities between justice and mercy, the faith that feels knows full well that to God nothing is impossible. How can it limit His freedom?

Thirdly, freedom impels to right and good willing in every sphere of active life. The whole world is friendly to its operations, pregnant with potential power and influence. No secularities shall remain immune from its attacks, no worldly domain unpervaded by its spirit. Thus, freedom is no passive condition to be enjoyed, but an emancipating and all-encouraging factor in a life lived to the uttermost. Faith with its panoply of freedom goes forth conquering and to conquer.

Notes of the Month.

Elsewhere details are given of the various gatherings to be held on June 20 and 21 in connection with the Annual Meetings of the General Synod. We hope that the First Church, Belfast, will be much visited on the occasion of the above. The times are so serious and so full of anxiety for us all that we should receive all the encouragement and consolation possible on the part of our chief representative body as a united Church. Whether our work lie in town or country our common hopes and fears are concerned, while the conditions under which we are all labouring are alike difficult and delicate. May we therefore strongly appeal for large attendances at the forthcoming gatherings so that we go away strengthened and uplifted by our assembling together.

* *

The July issue of the Magazine will contain fairly full reports of the principal contributions of the General Synod Meetings. We want to have space for the ordinary features of the Magazine. It will greatly help us in the preparation of the July issue if our correspondents will send their reports early and in brief form. We shall do all in our power to have it published by July 2nd.

* *

The death of the Rev. J. J. Wright did not pass unmarked and unmourned in the North of Ireland. Some of our readers still recall the helpfulness of his ministry at Mountpottinger Church. Long after that ceased he kept in touch with old friends and continually made new ones by his able editorship of " Young Days." Whenever the latter made its welcome appearance the young received it with delight and perused it with pleasure and profit. Not a few of our schools purchased it for the benefit of teachers and scholars, and when it ceased to appear regretted the necessity of such a step. His long and useful career as preacher and teacher was unfortunately curtailed by serious sickness towards its close, but few men deserved better of the community they set themselves to serve. We gladly pay our tribute of sorrowful respect to a useful life and a winning personality.

* *

We are glad to be able to announce that so for as the Belfast Domestic Mission is concerned there will be no interregnum in its ministry. When Mr. J. H. Smith retires from the post of Missionary at the end of June, he is to be immediately succeeded in the position by Mr. Norman Kirkham, of Bolton, Lancashire. His experience as lay preacher and Sunday School teacher in the North of England should serve him in good stead here. He comes at a very trying time, but we wish him every success in his arduous and useful work.

* *

The British and Foreign Unitarian Association arranged a very interesting programme for its Whitweek Meetings. The platform of arranged speakers for June 7 dealt with the important theme, " The World-Movement of Liberal Religion," and was of itself of a representative character. Holland, one of the first European countries to manifest liberality in religion, had fittingly as its spokesman Professor Dr. Roessingh, of Leiden. The Rev. W. H. Drummond, who since he was released from a settled pastorate has made numerous European journeys, told of his experiences in Bohemia and other centres where liberal religion is now evincing great vitality. We hope it may have been possible for representatives of our Non-Subscribing Church to attend the feast of good things arranged by our former fellow-worker, Dr. S. H. Mellone.

We would ask our Readers to support our Advertisers, and to mention this Magazine when obtaining articles.

Telephone—Belfast 83

MISS

McMASTER,

Ladies' Tailor.

GOWNS.

SPIRELLA CORSETIERE.

ST. GEORGE'S HALL,

35 High Street,

BELFAST.

A Ministry to Health

CONSULT YOUR DENTIST AT INTERVALS.

CLEAN MOUTHS.

THE DANGER OF NEGLECT

IS

Pyorrhoea, Inflamed Gums, Sore Throats, Influenza, Rheumatism, and the more virulent infections, such as Scarlatina, Diphtheria, &c.

DOCTORS AND DENTISTS

RECOMMEND THE DAILY USE OF

KINSON'S

"Wil-KLEEN"

Denture Powder

This Powder keeps artificial teeth and plates (vulcanit or metal) thoroughly aseptic and germ free. It is an idea dentrifice for the natural teeth, invaluable to smokers removes all tobacco stains and tartar deposits withou injury to the enamel.

PREPARED ONLY BY

The Kinson Manufacturing Company. LTD

147 MINORIES, LONDON, E.1.

Of all Chemists Price, 1/3

Or by Post from IRISH DEPOT Union Chambers, 1 Union Street, Belfast.

Mesdames

Brennan & Montgomery,

Millinery Salon,

68 ROYAL AVENUE,

BELFAST.

SPECIALITY: CONNOR HATS

WILLIAM KELLY & CO.,

The House for Useful Wedding Presents. . .

Cutlery, Silver Plate, Hardware, and General Housefurnishings,

We Specialise

In Aluminium Cooking Utensils.

24 Castle Street,

BELFAST.

Saturday Early Closing

Phone 3504. Established 187

VIKING

Sermon or Exercise Paper.

Good Writing Surface.

1/6 per packet 60 sheets
(Postage 9d. extra).

3 Packets for 5/6
including postage.

FOUNTAIN PENS.

Our stock comprises a range unequalled for variety, and all Guaranteed. Any pen not absolutely satisfactory can be returned, and amount paid will be refunded without question.

The "International" - 5/-
Comprising a variety of pens, all good quality.

The "Viking" - - 7/6
A lever self-filler, with 14.ct. gold nib. Serviceable and efficient.

The "Wellington" - 10/6
This pen is a perfect model of the lever self-filling pattern.

SWAN, WATERMAN, ONOTO & CAMERON PENS.

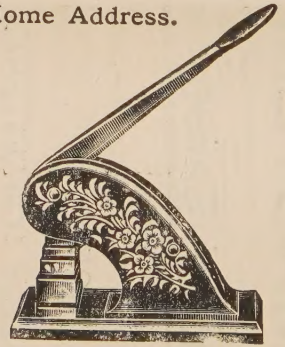
LEVER EMBOSSING PRESS with Home Address.

The Viking.

Japanned Black and Bronze,
11/-

The Wellington.

Japanned black with red and gold flowers, nickel handle,
14/-



Prices include dies up to 24 letters, extra letters 3d. each.
Postage 1/- extra.

Harold Moore Ltd., Wellington Place, Belfast.

Young People's Page.

"Little Folk's Land."

The above is the title of a book of verses written for young people by Horace G. Groser. It is not a new book, but its ability to enter into and depict the fresh and spontaneous interest of young people in the sights and sounds of the summer, induces us to make it better known. With that end in view and also with a desire to make our page seasonable we give the following examples of Mr. Groser's insight and skill, as first appearing in "The Child's Own Magazine":—

SUNSHINE.

Sunshine in the meadows,
Sunshine on the sea;
All the world I look upon
Smiles back at me.

Then, when I look upward
To the bright blue sky,
God in Heaven seems smiling
From His throne on high—

Pleased to see His children
Laughing at their play,
And the green world keeping
Happy holiday.

SUMMER TWILIGHT.

Drop your curtains over the world,
Beautiful Night!
The Day goes down with its flags unfurled
And streamers bright;
And eyes are weary, and long to see
The shadows falling on field and tree.
Flowers are athirst, and, ere they sleep,
The dew to their dry, sweet lips must creep;
And, if we listen, a low, deep sigh
Goes up from earth to the evening sky.

Shine, O beautiful stars, and shed
Silver light in the blue o'erhead;
Little tired eyes that watched for you
Closed or ever you twinkled through:
But lest they open and look again
Up through the darkening window-pane,
Keep your fairy-lamps burning bright
Through the short hours of the summer night.

HOLIDAY TIME.

How many weeks to holiday time?
Working and waiting, we count the days:
Soon to be free, and off to the sea,
Or roaming in meadow and wood-land ways.
The cliff to scale and the hill to climb,
And, many a mile from the busy town,
To breathe the air of the breezy down;
Or listening stand
Where the yellow sea-sand
Is beaten and bared by the rush of the tide;
And the radiant sunlight far and wide
Beckons us out with a golden hand,
Till we envy the flight of the sea-gull white
As he wanders at will 'twixt the foam and the land.

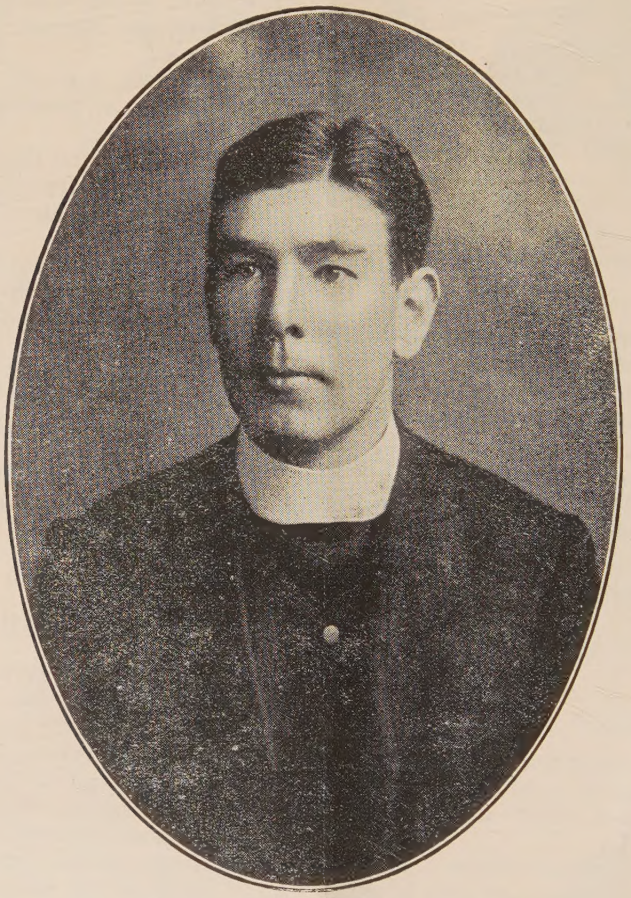
GOOD-NIGHT.

The great red sun is going down,
The day begins to die,
And angel hands with colour rare
Paint all the western sky.
The flowers that in the morning stood
With faces smiling bright,
Now droop and nod their drowsy heads,
And dream till morning light;
And I am tired and sleepy too,
And fain would say "Good-night!"

Father, whose hand when day is done
Calls up the evening shade,
And scatters down the cooling dews
On flowers that else would fade,—
I see Thy care for trees and flowers,
And I would learn aright
To trust Thee when, by darkness hid,
The sun is out of sight;
And, like the flowers, to close my eyes,
Nor fear to say "Good-night!"

Rev. R. Nicol Cross, M.A.

Through the courtesy of the editor of "The Inquirer," we are able to give our readers the portrait of the minister who is to deliver the Annual Lecture in the First Church, Belfast, on Wednesday, June 21st, at 8 p.m. is also the author of one or two very able books. We confidently expect that his Lecture will not only attract our own people but that outsiders will be glad to hear so timely a subject well and thoughtfully treated. It should be borne in mind that the presence of such persons will be heartily welcomed in June. On



REV. R. NICOL CROSS, M.A.

The subject chosen for the Lecture is one of outstanding interest at the present time, viz., "Anglican Modernism To-day." Mr. Cross is well qualified to do the theme full justice. Recently settled at Hampstead in succession to Dr. Henry Gow, he had in previous ministries in England established a reputation as a thoughtful preacher and lecturer. He previous occasions, when the lecturers were men like Dr. Carpenter and Dr. Mellone, visitors were present, and on this occasion also we hope to have the thoughtful inquirer well represented. Let our own people avail themselves of the opportunity to bring their friends, especially those of other religious bodies.

THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

(Founded by ROBERT SPEARS)

AND

UNITARIAN HERALD

The Old-Established Unitarian Weekly

PUBLISHED AT

5, FETTER LANE, LONDON, E.C.4.

FROM ALL NEWSAGENTS AND DISTRIBUTORS—

TWOPENCE WEEKLY.

SUBSCRIPTION (postage included)—13/- per Annum to all parts of the World.

Advertisements—5s per inch. **Special rates for series.** Births, Marriages and Deaths, 2s. 6d. (minimum) for three lines 20 words), 6d. for each additional line. Miscellaneous (prepaid), 20 words (minimum), 3s.; each additional line 9d.

Cheques, etc., to be made payable to the Manager.

The New Household Requisite.

WILL STAND HOT WATER.

FIRMAS

(*Registered*)

Invaluable for Repairing Tea Cups, Plates, etc., etc., which require daily washing

---

Sold Everywhere, 6d. per tube

Issued by the Proprietors of Seccotine.

M Caw, Stevenson & Orr, Ltd.,

LINENHALL WORKS, BELFAST.

TAKE NOTICE.

UNION FRIENDLY SOCIETY

(Ireland) BELFAST BRANCH.

REV. H. J. ROSSINGTON, M.A., B.D., President.

The Committee of Management wish to draw attention to the following advantages:—

1. All claims settled promply.
2. Additional Benefits will be paid from 1st July, 1921.

All young people eligible to be insured under the National Health Insurance Act should join the above Branch.

For further particulars apply to your Minister or to the Branch Secretary—

JAMES BAIRD,

75 High Street, BELFAST

The Inquirer

A Journal of Free Religious Fellowship and Organ of Unitarian Christianity.

Founded 1842.

Editor, - Rev. W. G. TARRANT, B.A.

All who are interested in the Liberal Movement in Religion should read

THE INQUIRER

THE INQUIRER contains Notes of Current Events, Reviews of Books, Articles and Discussions of Special Interest to adherents of the Liberal Movement in Religion, Reports of Meetings, News of Unitarian and Kindred Churches, and of the Unitarian Laymen's League.

EVERY FRIDAY.

PRICE TWOPENCE

Churches supplied on Special Terms.

The Subscription is 13/- per annum, post free, to all parts of the United Kingdom.

SEND REMITTANCE TO

Publishing Office: 13 Bream's Buildings, London, E.C. 4.

"A Scion of Ulster."

Recently there appeared in the columns of our contemporary, "The Inquirer," a paragraph which should be of interest to all our readers. It may have the effect of sending them back to the reading of that great story which tells how bravely our forefathers fought against odds the battle of Non-Subscription. The Rev. John Crozier's life of Dr. Montgomery, although unfortunately never completed, is full of interest and creates the necessary atmosphere of understanding and sympathy. We would urge those who have not so far read Mr. Crozier's volume to do so, in the light of the words we gratefully quote from "The Inquirer" of May 27:—

"There came early this month to the International Institute of Agriculture in Rome, a certain Mr. W. H. Montgomery, son-in-law of the High Commissioner for New Zealand, for which country he is delegate. At present in London, where he will certainly be welcomed on his own account, Mr. Montgomery's name will be of special interest to all who know the story of the historic struggle for Non-Subscription by a gallant band of the Ulster Presbyterians. His grandfather, Dr. Henry Montgomery, was far away the most conspicuous champion of the freer faith in Ireland nearly a century ago. For 56 years he was minister of Dunmurry, but long held concurrently an appointment in the Belfast Academical Institution; and it was his way, tradition tells, when any former Belfast lad came to the front in public life, to exclaim in his stentorian tones, 'I taught the boy!' Of commanding stature, he was no less outstanding in debate, and even the defenders of the official creed acknowledged the magnificence of his oratorical gifts. Fitly he went about in top-boots; his wit and humour were inexhaustible; in short, he was a great Irishman. He preached the British and Foreign Unitarian Association Sermon in 1843."

Practical Sympathy.

In the course of the recent disturbances in the vicinity of the Domestic Mission, one of our Scholars, while delivering his morning papers, was shot by a sniper, and in a few short hours died as the result of the severe injuries he so tragically received.

The boy, a member of a very poor family, to whom a mere existence is a constant struggle, was sadly missed, for although only a Newsboy, the proceeds of his daily sales were the mainstay of his widowed mother and family of two sons and daughters.

Realising that the expenses attending the funeral, etc., would be far too great for the family to discharge, the matter was referred to the Directors of the local Daily Papers, their sympathy being immediately secured. Considerable pains were taken by Sir Robert Baird, of the "Belfast Telegraph," in enlisting the interests of the proprietors of the "Daily Sketch" and "Daily Mail," copies of whose papers the boy sold during his daily rounds.

Sir Robert's efforts met with a ready response, and their help, together with that of the Local Press, rendered it possible for the boy's mother to be relieved of all the funeral and other incidental expenses.

Surely this is a glowing tribute to the high sense of honour and kindly sympathy of our Press, in one sad case, of which there are so many in these trying times. To all who responded so splendidly the writer is deeply thankful, particularly to Sir Robert Baird, whose interest in the matter is worthy of the highest commendation.

It should be added that arrangements were made for the mother and her youngest boy to spend a short time at the shore, where rest and quietness would help to heal their sorrowing hearts. This effort was accomplished and the results were distinctly pleasing.

J. H. S.

THE NON-SUBSCRIBING PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF IRELAND.

ANNUAL SYNOD, 20th and 21st JUNE, 1922.

The following programme has been arranged in connection with the meetings of the General Synod of the Church, and a cordial invitation is extended to the members of our congregations to be present

The Committee earnestly plead for a larger attendance, especially of the laity, at these meetings, and would especially welcome large congregations at the Services arranged for Tuesday Evening, when the Sermon will be preached by the outgoing Moderator (Rev. A. Gordon, M.A.), and also at the Annual Lecture on the Wednesday Evening.

The Clerk (Rev. G. J. Slipper) would be glad also to receive offers of hospitality for Ministers and their wives who will be attending the meetings, and it would greatly facilitate his arrangements if such offers could be sent to him addressed 35 Needham Street, Newry, before 10th June.

PROGRAMME.

TUESDAY, 20th JUNE, at 8 p.m., in the First Presbyterian Church, Belfast. Divine Service conducted by the Moderator (Rev. A. Gordon, M.A.).

WEDNESDAY, 21st JUNE, in the First Presbyterian Church, Belfast :

10-30 a.m. Communion Service conducted by the Moderator.

11-0 a.m. Business Meeting of the General Synod.

8-0 p.m. Annual Lecture by Rev. R. Nicol Cross, M.A. (Hampstead). Subject—"Anglican Modernism To-Day."

CHANNING HOUSE SCHOOL

Highgate, London, N.6.

BOARDING AND DAY SCHOOL FOR GIRLS.

Healthy situation on top of Highgate Hill.
Large Grounds.
Work on Modern Public School Lines.
Preparation for London University Matriculation.
Apply for Boarding or Day Prospectus to—
MISS ALICE HAIGH, M.A.,
Head Mistress.

AUTUMN TERM begins on September 19th.

THE STAFF.

Head Mistress :
MISS ALICE HAIGH, M.A. (Manchester).

Resident Mistresses :
MISS A. M. DANIEL, B.A. (Lond.), Honours in History; Teachers' Diploma.
MISS H. K. FRY, B.A. (Lond.), Honours in French.
MISS C. HARKER (Girton), Natural Science Tripos.
MISS M. JAMES, Higher Froebel Certificate.
MISS C. JEPSON, L.R.A.M., A.R.C.M.
MISS F. JONES, B.Sc. (Lond.)
MISS B. MACLAREN, B.A. (Lond.), Honours in Classics.
MISS A. SUTHERLAND, B.A. (University of Wales), Honours in English.
MISS HELEN M. TENCH, Bedford Physical Training College.
MISS E. L. WILLIAMS, B.A. (Manchester,) Honours in History, Certificate of Social Science, London School of Economics.

Non-Resident Mistresses :
MISS A. F. BRETTELL (Elocution).
MISS W. GOODING, L.R.A.M.
MISS A. GOODWIN, Member of the R.D.S.
MISS HARE (Dancing).
MISS M. HOPE, L.R.A.M., A.G.S.M.
MISS D. H. LETTS (Cantab.), M.A. (T.C.D.)
MISS I. THOMPSON, L.R.A.M., A.R.A.M. (Singing).

Matron—MISS MAUD MORSON.
Under Matron—MISS E. JACKSON.
Number of Pupils, 137.

Two Notable Books.

"Sarah Flower Adams," A Memoir by H. W. Stephenson, M.A., The Lindsey Press, 5 Essex Street, Strand, London, W.C. **2/-** net. Paper Covers **1/6** net.

"The Gospel Catechist," by Eustace Thompson. London: C. W. Daniel, Ltd., 3 Tudor Street, London, E.C. **5/-** net.

We have received copies of two New Books, differing in character, but both of great interest and likely to be of service to teachers and scholars particularly. Mr. Stephenson's clear and sympathetic account of the life of the author of the familiar hymn, "Nearer, my God, to Thee," should attract many readers. Beyond the fact that Sarah Flower Adams was responsible for the composition, and had Unitarian connections and sympathies, little was known of her. That need has now been met quite adequately by this study of her career and work. We gain a good impression of her father, Benjamin Flower, an energetic and intellectual worker, intimately associated in labour and taste with men like William Johnson Fox, well-known as the minister for many years of South Place Chapel, Finsbury. We see her as centre of a group of friends which contained great literary craftsmen like Robert Browning. Her own literary contributions are detailed, culminating, so far as the majority of religious people are concerned, in her now world-famous hymn, which first appeared among hymns and anthems compiled by W. J. Fox for use in the South Place Chapel. At her untimely death in 1848 it still remained known only to few, a fact of pathetic interest in view of its later world-wide appeal and usage. A facsimile of the original MS. of November, 1840, is given, and is of special interest. Equally noteworthy are the portraits of the author, her father and sister. One lays down the book with a feel of indebtedness to the author since what was once a name is now linked up with an indelible impression of a most winning personality.

The labours of the Rev. Eustace Thompson in the field of New Testament study were not unknown to some of his friends, and the latter will rejoice that the printed form will now make one of his productions accessible to a wider range of readers. In the hands of a conscientious Sunday School Teacher "The Gospel Catechist" should prove most valuable. In succinct form statements concerning "Jesus Christ," "The Religion of Jesus," "The Teaching of Jesus," are given which cover the gospel history. A useful appendix consisting of sayings from the four Gospels, and four maps, not to mention a careful index, further enhance the value and the workmanlike character of the book. In its format the volume leaves nothing to be desired. Binding and paper are good, the type excellent. Very informing are the full notes given where they may be easily consulted in amplification of the text, i.e., at the foot of the page. The title of the book should not mislead the reader. No questions are actually given, though the thoughtful reader will easily supply them from the numbered statements, which may be regarded as brief answers. Its possibilities as a useful text book in our Sunday Schools impel us to commend it most heartily to members of our community, and we wish for it every success and for its author well-deserved encouragement in well-doing.

BAPTISM.

GREEN.—On May 7th, in York Street Non-Subscribing Presbyterian Church, by Rev. Alex. O. Ashworth, Isobel Lawton Green, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Green, 51 Beresford Street, Belfast.

DEATH.

BOYD.—May 19th, 1922 (from gunshot wounds), Thomas, son of Thomas and Maggie Boyd, 36 Louisa Street, Belfast. Interred at Carnmoney, May 22nd, by Rev. Alex. O. Ashworth.

The Sunday School Conference.

It was evident once more that this Annual Event is firmly established in the affections of our folk. Despite the difficulties of time and transit, which made it impossible for some of our congregations to be represented, quite a large number of persons made the journey to Killinchy on June 3rd. The majority travelled by train from Belfast to Comber, thence by motors to the place of assembly. Only the good nature which seemed to welcome crushing, and the assiduous efforts of the convener (Rev. A. Whitford), made it possible for all to enter the motors in waiting, and of these one, which rather resembled Noah's Ark in shape, we draw no further comparison, seemed almost bulging with its goodly contents. As the weather had decided to favour the party the country was charming, the blossoming hawthorn being conspicuously displayed. In safety and in capital time the Belfast contingent joined forces with country friends, all like receiving the heartiest welcome and the most bountiful provision from their Killinchy friends. The introductory portion of the proceedings was fitly taken by our considerate host, the Rev. D. J. Williams, and then our esteemed Moderator (the Rev. Alex. Gordon) presided over the Conference proper. Looking ahead, a suitable centre for the Conference of 1923 was sought for and obtained, the Banbridge congregation giving an invitation which was promptly accepted. Mrs. Eustace Thompson's paper followed and was what we expected—practical in character, graceful in form, fertile in suggestion, and in evoking suggestions in the later discussion. We are glad to be able to give a large portion of the paper below. The discussion, which is always a little disappointing, was less so than usual, there being more speakers than is generally the case, and their remarks were fairly pertinent and pointed. If the pauses between the speakers could be reduced or done away with entirely it would considerably enliven the discussion and delight the audience. An omnibus resolution of thanks to the kindly Killinchy friends, to Mrs. Thompson for her paper, to the Rev. Eustace Thompson for his book noticed elsewhere, concluded the proceedings. It should be mentioned that Mrs. Williams at the organ and the Killinchy choir in the front pews gave a splendid leading to the hymns. Leaving the church, we once more took note of our beautiful natural sur roundings and gratefully took advantage of the ample and varied arrangements for tea. Our faith expressed in our resolution of thanks was justified by Killinchy good works, with the result that we all let our works follow upon and consummate our faith. When all too soon we had to hand ourselves over to the hands of the packers like prize sardines we did so uncomplainingly and commenced the homeward journey with a cheer of thankful appreciation. Verily it was a good day, made memorable by many good things and it will leave happy memories in our hearts.

THE OBJECT OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL AND HOW IT SHOULD BE ACHIEVED.

I suppose we all agree that the Sunday School has an object ; that it does try to achieve something. The days of objectless, haphazard Sunday School teaching are, fortunately past, or passing ; those days when the great object of the Sunday School Teacher seemed to be to " put in the time."

We must remember that in the infancy of the Sunday School its " object " was to teach reading, writing and arithmetic to children and young people who were sent out to work so young that they had no other means of acquiring education. In those days books were dear, and the Factory Act had not been passed, which forbade the employment of children under **nine** years old, nor had compulsory education become law.

When the need for this kind of Sunday teaching was over there followed a period of uncertainty as to the purpose of Sunday Schools for the future; but nowadays the Sunday Schools are awakening more and more to the great importance and responsibility of their work of character building, and we find Correspondence Classes, Conferences and Summer Schools for teachers being held to help them in that work. The tenth Summer School held by the English Sunday School Association will meet at Oxford from August 3rd to 12th this year, and all particulars about it can be had from the Secretary at Essex Hall. A most inspiring and enjoyable programme has been arranged and it is hoped that some of our Irish schools will be represented.

What, then, is the object of the Sunday School?

It may be said that there are two principal objects—the first, to awaken the soul of the scholar and build up a good character; the second, to build up the particular church that the school belongs to. The first—the awakening of the soul—is the object of the Sunday School, the other—the building up of the church naturally follows if the first object is attained; for, when the soul of the pupil is awakened and he has been inspired with a fervent love of truth, there will naturally arise a desire to know what our churches stand for, and how they differ from the orthodox churches. Then the teacher must be prepared to explain as fully as possible our history and our position.

The war, and the changed conditions it has brought about make the need for proper Sunday School teaching greater than ever. The old order of things has been shaken to its foundations, and we are sometimes tempted to think that there never were such bad times as these—so unsettled and godless, and that the children and young people are altogether out of hand. There is a great work to-day for the Sunday School, but we must not think that our times are worse than any other. Dr. Channing writing on Sunday Schools in his day—it will be eighty years this autumn since he died—and how applicable to our day are his words—said, "Their end is the moral and religious education of the young and this is the most pressing concern of our times. In all times, indeed, it has strong claims; but it was never, perhaps, so important as now, and never could its neglect induce such fearful consequences. The present is a season of great peril to the rising generation. It is distinguished by a remarkable development of power, activity and freedom. The progress of science has given men a new control of nature, and in this way has opened new sources of wealth and multiplied the means of indulgence, and in an equal degree multiplied temptations to worldliness, cupidity, and crime. Our times are still more distinguished by the spirit of liberty and innovation. Old institutions and usages, the old restraints on the young, have been broken down. Men of all conditions and ages think, speak, write, act with a freedom unknown before. Our times have their advantages. But we must not hide from ourselves our true position. This increase of power and freedom, of which I have spoken, tends in the first place to unsettle moral principles, to give to men's minds a restlessness, a want of stability, a wildness of opinion, an extravagance of desire, a bold, rash, reckless spirit. These are times of great moral danger. Outward restraints are removed to an unprecedented degree, and consequently there is a need of inward restraint, of the controlling power of a pure religion, beyond what has ever been known before. The principles of the young are exposed to fearful assaults, and they need to be fortified with peculiar care. Temptations throng on the rising generation with new violence, and the power to withstand them must be proportionately increased. Society never needed such zealous

efforts, such unslumbering watchfulness for its safety, as at this moment, and without faithfulness on the part of parents and good men, its bright prospects may be turned into gloom. Sunday Schools are meant to aid in the great work of forming children to true excellence.

Mr. Lewis, the head master of Hope Street Undenominational School, Liverpool, in a very interesting article on Sunday School work, says, that Sunday Schools exist to foster and develop the religious life in young people, that the religious life is expressed in an attitude towards the universe, an outlook upon events and an inspiring spirit generally that should permeate all thought and mingle in the very springs of action, and that the object of the religious life is to know God." The other day I saw in a Newspaper an article on "Boy Religion" in which the writer said, "A true faith, truly taught will make a man of a boy sooner than anything, yet few religions are taught a boy in the right way. Because the Sunday School schemes are narrow, and its methods flat, and because it does **not understand the boy,** and so far as I can see does not want to, instead of creating interest, it creates boredom." This is a terrible accusation against the Sunday School. We must remember that their great danger is that they will fall into a way of mechanical teaching, that they are apt to teach religion as a lifeless, formal, thing, and not as a quickening reality.

Remembering then that the object of the Sunday School is to awaken the soul of the scholar and help to build up a good character—for the Sunday School is a character building school—we next ask, "How can this be achieved?"

In the first place let me give a few general rules for teachers principally as suggested by Dr. Channing—

i. You must love your scholars: nothing attracts like love.

ii. To awaken an interest in what you teach, you must take an interest in it yourselves.

iii. Be intelligible; speak to your class in the familiar simple language of common life.

iv. Teach much by questions. These stir up the Scholar to becoming his own teacher, and no lesson is so well learned as that which he teaches himself. **Instruction** is a very different thing from **Education.**

v. Teach graphically; make the lesson as real as possible.

vi. Lay the most stress on what is most important in religion; seize on the great points and ideas of the gospels.

vii. Carry a cheerful spirit into religious teaching, let your words and tones bear witness to the cheering, benignant influence of Christianity.

viii. Speak to your scholars of God as a real Being; of heaven as a real state; of duty as a real obligation.

ix. Show them the application of Christianity to the familar scenes and pursuit of life.

I suppose everybody has heard of "Mackintosh's Toffee." John Mackintosh, the founder of that huge business, was a great Sunday School worker. He gave the following advice to Sunday School teachers:—

Talk interestingly, or don't talk at all.

If you feel cross with a boy, pat him on the back.

Never feel sorry for yourself.

Say to yourself a dozen times,

"When I was a boy I,
Couldn't sit still,
Hated dry sermons,
Did not hate my teacher,
Was neither good nor bad, but just middling."

From time to time give your Scholars exercises or something to do. In the country tell them to start a little early the next Sunday, and see, each one, how many different sorts of wild flowers they can find on the way to Sunday School. ("Earth's crammed with heaven, and every common bush afire with God; But only he who **sees** takes off his shoes.")*

*Elizabeth Barrett Browning.

(To be continued)

Obituary.

Mr. James Morrow, J.P., Larne.

With unfeigned regret we record the death of Mr. James Morrow, J.P., The Cairn, Larne, a well-known resident of the town for almost half-a-century, who was held in the highest esteem by his fellow-townspeople. His last illness was a short one in which he suffered much, and exhaustion of body brought a beautiful and not unexpected end on May 6th. He is survived by his wife, two sons (Messrs. W. F. B. Morrow and Ernest Morrow, both in the service of the Ulster Bank, Ltd., at Belfast), and four daughters (Mrs. J. M. Cox, Dundalk; Mrs. Andrew M. Scott, Dunmurry; Mrs. W. J. Wilson, Larne; and Miss K. Morrow) who resided with her parents at the Cairn). To the bereaved families we join with a legion of friends in offering heartfelt sympathy in their great bereavement.

The funeral took place on May 9th, and was the occasion of a striking manifestation of the high esteem in which Mr. Morrow was held. The cortege was a very large one, and widely representative of all classes and creeds in a large area. Along the route from The Cairn to the Unitarian Church every mark of respect and sorrow was shown, blinds being drawn and business places closed. Conspicuous in the procession was a strong contingent of pupils at Larne Grammar School.

At the church a short service was conducted by the Rev. James Kennedy (who had previously conducted a service at deceased's late residence in conjunction with Rev. J. A. Kelly). Founding his remarks on Hebrews ix. 27, he mentioned that death was a Divine appointment, no afterthought, or anomaly in creation, no condition super-induced in consequence of any catastrophe in the moral universe, but a law operating from the beginning. Referring directly to Mr. Morrow, the speaker said that in that gentleman a prominent figure in their religious, commercial, and social life had passed within the veil. His own nature, inclinations and tastes suggested as his lifework the ministry of the Church he loved and served so well, but medical opinion forbade, deciding that the long preliminary course of study would be injurious if not fatal to his health. Therefore, he went into business, and many of those present knew how rapid had been his rise in the business world, how successful he had been in winning the confidence of the directors of the bank and all he came in touch with. A man of most scrupulous integrity, with kindliness and helpfulness, he was trusted to the utmost by all, and it was an open secret that the success of the Ulster Bank in Larne was largely due to him. But successful though he was in business, yet probably his Church was the main concern of his mind, and no man served her interests more faithfully than he, especially in the congregations of Larne, Glenarm and Dunmurry. Yet he recognised that error in opinion honestly held was innocent, and did not entail exclusion from the mercy of God, and that absolute concurrence in religious opinion was by no means necessary to church communion. It was a great delight to him to discuss the movement called "Modernity" that touched all churches, and the conclusion arrived at by great divines of other churches were arrived at by him as a result of his own independent study. But though he so faithfully served his Church he also served the public, and one of his great interests was their splendid Grammar School. With the exception of the two generous founders, Sir Edward Coey and Mr. John Crawford, no man had more influence or rendered more valuable service in founding the fine institution on the top of the hill, which they hoped for ages would be a home of learning in their midst. Of that school he was an original trustee and also of the Larne National Schools. He could hardly trust himself to speak of Mr.

Morrow in other relationships—as a kind father and a loving friend. He was true and faithful and upright in every walk and conversation of life from first to last, and now he had passed into the great unseen where there was no more pain or trouble to distress him. Calmly and peacefully as the wearied child in its mother's arms he passed into the arms of his Father and his God.

An impressive prayer concluded the service, and to the strains of a funeral march the mortal remains were borne forth from the church he loved so well for the last stage of the journey to the final resting-place at Dunmurry Burying-Ground. There the Rev. J. A. Kelly officiated, being assisted by the Rev. H. J. Rossington, M.A., B.D., Belfast, and Rev. W. F. Clarke, Larne Methodist Church.

Mr. James M'Master, Carrigullan.

On May 9th there passed away from our midst an old and greatly respected member in the person of Mr. James M'Master, Carrigullan, in his 91st year. At the time of his death he was the oldest member of the congregation. He had nearly all his life been connected with Killinchy, with the exception of a period spent in Australia during his younger days. When he came home he settled down as a farmer and became a very successful one. He was an Elder of the Church for many years, a member of Committee, and for a period Treasurer of the congregation. He took a deep and abiding interest in all that concerned the Meeting House and its affairs. His sage counsel was always listened to with attention and respect, and his moderating influence was a marked feature of his character. Mr. M'Master had received the benefits of a superior education at the Belfast Royal Academical Institution. The training he then received was apparent in his subsequent career. For a hard working farmer his reading was wide and varied and he kept it up to old age. He held clear and definite views on all subjects which appealed to him. He was a convinced Unitarian in his theology, had a distinct leaning to all that is tolerant and liberal in religion, and throughout his life maintained a reverence for holy things, most becoming in an Elder of a Church. In politics also Mr. M'Master thought for himself and held liberal and enlightened views; nothing reactionary or obscurantist appealed to him; yet his nature was a loyal one and his desire was for peace and prosperity and a large tolerance for all opinions, creeds and classes. During his last year or so his memory had failed him greatly, which was not surprising considering his advanced age. He died peacefully in the bosom of his family, leaving behind him two sons and one daughter. The funeral took place on Thursday, May 16th, Rev. D. J. Williams officiating in the home and at the graveside, assisted at the graveside by the Rev. Wm. Smyth.

Mr. William and Mrs. Sarah M'Ilwrath, Killinchy.

The congregation here have lost two old and respected members in Mr. Wm. M'Ilwrath and his wife, Mrs. Sarah M'Ilwrath. The one passed away on the 4th of May, at the advanced age of 87 years, and the other on the 6th of May, at the age of 75 years. The double bereavement sustained by the family evoked much sympathy from friends and neighbours, being well known and greatly respected. The sadness of the circumstances is considerably softened by the reflection that the two old people had lived together for the long period of 57 years, and perhaps it was not inappropriate that they who had lived together so long "in their death were not divided." Mr. M'Ilwrath had been gradually failing in health for some time, but did not take to his bed until less than a week before his

death. Mrs. M'Ilwrath had a serious illness some four or five years ago, from the effects of which she never properly recovered.

Both Mr. and Mrs. M'Ilwrath belonged to old and respected families connected from the first with the Remonstrant Church ; both were interested members and strong supporters, and the members of their family are or were strong pillars of the Church. It is pleasant to reflect that the precept and example of the parents is still holding firm and true to the cause they believed in so that no better supporters and workers could be found in a Church than their sons and daughters.

Mr. M'Ilwrath was a man of penetration and considerable intellectual ability. There were few subjects either in religion or politics on which he was not capable of forming a considered judgment. For a hard working farmer his reading was extensive. His great admiration was for the poetry of Robert Burns, many of whose gems he would recite with feeling and evident appreciation. He also had Burns's reverence for things noble in no common measure. He used to delight in the testimony that he never attended at worship without being the better for it, and emphasised the fact that in some part or other of the service public worship always afforded means of elevation for both mind and feelings. He had a fund of anecdotes well worth listening to, for he was an exceptionally good recontour. He had a keen sense of humour in which he indulged to the last. He was noteworthy for independence of spirit which, while possibly repelling some men, gained for him the respect and admiration of the discerning public.

Mrs. M'Ilwrath was a true help-mate to her husband, careful and anxious for the welfare of her family. Her neighbours knew her and respected her for her quiet, blameless and dignified life, her kindly disposition and readiness to help in trouble. Indeed both these old people were genuinely kind and made no great matter of it.

Both funerals were very largely attended, when the remains were interred in the New Meeting House Green—those of Mr. M'Ilwrath on Saturday, May 6th, and those of Mrs. M'Ilwrath on the following day, May 7th, the Rev. D. J. Williams officiating on both occasions.

Lesson Notes.

4th June. THE BEATITUDES. VII.—The Peacemakers. Is. xi. 1-9. Key Text Mt. v. 9.

(Key Text) "Sons of God"—*sons of, therefore heirs of, the kingdom of God.* The phrase "sons of the kingdom" (those who should by rights inherit it) occurs in Mt. viii. 12. Cp. Lk. xx. 36, where "sons of the resurrection" (those reserved or saved, for admission into the new life of the kingdom) are called "sons of God." But very likely the thought in Mt. v. 9 is more definitely of kinship—representing likeness—to the Father in heaven, Cp. Mt. v. 45, where the disciples are exhorted to be imitators of God in order that they may be sons of their Father which is in heaven. Cp. also I Jn. iii, 1, 2 ("now are we children of God"). The makers of peace are accounted blessed because it is one of the chief ingredients of the bliss of the Messianic age: "The work of righteousness shall be peace ; and the effect of righteousness, quietness and peace for ever." (Is. xxxii. 17). One of the names of the ideal ruler is "Prince of Peace," and it is said that "of his government and peace there shall be no end." (Is. ix. 6, 7).

(Is. xi. 1-9) (v. 1). In art, especially in stained glass windows, a Jesse tree is a device showing the genealogical derivation of Jesus Christ from Jesse (I. Sam. xvi.) in which the latter is

generally represented in a recumbent position upon the ground, as the root of a tree, the names of his descendants being borne upon the branches. (3) He will have supernatural insight making his judgment infallible and independent of ordinary evidence. (6) Peace shall prevail not in human society alone, but among the lower animals as well, and between mankind and these: (Cp. Ro. viii. 18-23). (8) *Asp* and *basilisk* are renderings of Hebrew words each of which probably stands for some venomous species of serpent. (9) "My holy mountain"—the land of Canaan (*i.e.*, of Israel) which is exceedingly mountainous.

It is given to few people to make peace between those who fight or quarrel. But it is possible for all to make peace and harmony, appropriate to the kingdom of God on earth, by forbearance, patience and forgiveness, sympathy, courtesy and kindness. This is the kind of peacemaking contemplated in the beatitudes.

11*th June.* *THE BEATITUDES. VIII.—The Persecuted.* Acts vii. 51-60 and Lk. xviii. 1-8. Key Text, Mt. v. 10.

(Key Text) It is not for having been persecuted that they are blessed, but for having done that for which they have been persecuted. It is as workers on behalf of righteousness, or as champions for the kingdom that they are compared to the prophets as such (Mt. v. 11, 12) and not merely to the prophets as good men who suffered unjustly. It is not for being merely innocent, void of offence—keeping themselves out of mischief and trouble—that people will be highly honoured in the judgment. They must have done something more or better than that. They must have done something at some trouble or cost to themselves on behalf of righteousness, the trouble or cost often taking the form of treatment marking the resentment of the lovers of wrong-doing.

(Acts vii. 51-60) The case of one persecuted for righteousness' sake. (v. 51) Circumcision being a characteristic mark of Jews, ought to have been the outward mark of inward purity and godliness: (Cp. Lev. xix. 2b.) But *these* Jews were of an "uncircumcised" (*i.e.* unholy) disposition. (52) Cp. II. Chr. xxiv. 19, 21, xxxvi. 15, 16, Neh. ix. 26. (55, 56) But for v. 55, one would certainly have supposed v. 56 was figurative: as a matter of fact it is very difficult to credit that 55 is a description of a vision literally beheld from the earth, except in the mind's eye. (58) See Lev. xxiv. 16. (60b.) Cp. Lk. xxiii. 34a.

(Lk. xviii. 1-8) (1) "Pray" for fortitude and faith; "not to faint" because of persecution for righteousness' sake, or for bearing witness to their belief in the mission and Christhood of their Master. The desire for vengeance in this parable savours more of the Old Testament than of what we conceive to have been the spirit of Jesus.

18*th June.* *REVISION.*

25*th June.* *OLD TESTAMENT PARABLES. I.—The Trees Choosing a King.* Judg. ix. 6-21. Key Text, Judg. ix. 15.

(Judg. ix. 6-21) Gideon or Jerubbaal (see 5th March) had many wives and 70 sons, also a concubine at Shechem (in central Palestine—between Mt. Ebal and Mr. Gerizim) with a son called Abimelech, who after his father's death persuaded the men of Shechem to make him their king and with the assistance of some desperadoes murdered all his father's other sons with the exception of the youngest, Jotham, who escaped. (v. 6) "the house of Millo" were apparently a leading family or clan.

(8-13) The refusal of these useful trees (olive, fig, vine) to reign over all the rest is intended to recall the example of Gideon who after delivering Israel from the Midianites refused for himself and his son the honour of ruling over them which the men of Israel offered him in return for his

services. (14, 15) The bramble being a worthless and ignoble plant and not a tree at all, is intended to stand for Abimelech, who is thus presented to those who have made him their ruler, as an object for derision, they themselves being held up for derision and reproach for conferring upon such the honour refused by an admirable hero like Gideon. (15) Extremely ironical : the cedars of Lebanon (mountainous district N. of Palestine) were famed for their magnificent stature as valuable timber trees. (20) Merely prediction of misrule by a worthless person with disastrous results to the subjects until they rise up in rebellion and vengeance and overthrow whom they have themselves raised up. (21) The place here meant may or may not be Beer-sheba in the extreme south of Israelitish territory. The story of the parable of Jotham is most likely to be the Hebrew's writer's means of making a striking adverse comment upon the promotion of honour of a person unworthy thereof. It is rather a fable than a parable, the moral of which might be given in the form of a Hebrew proverb :—

(Pr. viii. 22) The prince that lacketh understanding is also a great oppressor.

or,

(Pr. xxvi. 8) As a bag of gems in a heap of stones
So is he that giveth honour to a fool.

Reports.

Unity Guild.—The Annual Meeting of the Unity Guild was held in Mountpottinger School-room, on Wednesday, April 12th. After the conclusion of the routine business, the Rev. H. J. Rossington, M.A., B.D., the retiring President, proposed the election of Mr. Eustace Gordon as President for the ensuing year. Mr. G. J. Hill seconded the proposition which was carried unanimously. The President then took the Chair and thanked the meeting for the honour conferred on him. On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. E. R. Jackson, a vote of thanks was tendered to Mr. G. J. Hill for the admirable manner in which he carried out the duties of Treasurer during all the years he has held that office. It was with deep regret we learned of his inability to continue this work, owing to a change in his business, and would join in giving him our best wishes for the success of his new undertaking. Those of us who had the pleasure of working with him on the Committee know that he always had the interest of the Guild at heart and we all feel sure that this interest will not flag now that he has been compelled to retire from office. An interesting paper was read by Mr. E. Gordon on the year's working of the Guild, which included many valuable and practical suggestions for future Guild Work, and it is to be hoped that good use will be made of them in our programme for next session. We are glad that a return to a printed Summer Syllabus has been made this year ; a limited number of copies can still be obtained from the Hon. Sec., Miss Montgomery, 18 Wellesley Avenue, Belfast. The first outing took place on 20th May, and no doubt the wet morning decided some members to remain at home, but the afternoon turned out fine and warm and there was a goodly muster. On arrival at Dunmurry we were glad to avail ourselves of the kindness of the Misses Roberts, and leave coats, umbrellas, etc., in their charge before proceeding up Colin. Whether it was that being the first excursion members were not yet in their best form, or whether it was the warmth of the afternoon, only about half-a-dozen of the party ascended to the top of the hill, the great majority preferring to remain in the primrose-covered bank just above the Wishing Well, at which all drank. It was cooler when we returned to the residence of our kind hostesses, many of the party bearing great bunches of wild flowers. After tea had been taken in the garden we moved off to see our Church which dates from 1676. Here some time was

spent examining the old building and visiting the graves of the historic personages formerly connected with the congregation. The Annual Service on the following day was a marked success. The attendance was the best for a number of years, while the collection, which was in aid of the Queen Street Children's Hospital, was about double last year's. A feature of the service was that all our Belfast Ministers took part, the sermon being delivered by the Rev. A. Gordon, Moderator of the Synod. The Choir was made up by representatives from the choirs of All Souls', Mountpottinger and the Mission. Next year more might be made of this United Choir idea. It was only lack of opportunity for united practice which prevented its being done this time. We feel sure that this difficulty is not insuperable if the matter is taken in hand in time. While we were trudging along the road to Colin, a whisper reached us that a prize is to be offered for the best essay on the Summer Excursions. So far the information seems to be entirely "unofficial." The next outing will take place on 17th June, when the objective will be Carnmoney Hill. The party will leave Arnott's Corner, Bridge Street, by the 3 p.m. tram for Glengormley.

* *

Greyabbey.—We regret to announce the death of Mr. Charles Hugh Carson, for many years an elder and the Secretary of the congregation. Two years ago his health began to fail and despite every medical attention and the tender and careful nursing of his sisters he gradually grew more feeble and passed quietly away on Sunday, 14th May, On the following Wednesday his remains were laid to rest in the Family Burying-Ground amidst every manifestation of respect and sorrow.

* *

Social Service Girls' Club.—The Social Service Girls' Club, winners of the Carnlough Cup and Competition Picture, gave a display on Tuesday, in Rosemary Hall, Belfast, under the chairmanship of Rev. H. J. Rossington. The girls are justly proud of their success in the recent Girls' Club Union Competitions, where the seniors not only carried off the Cup mentioned, for being the best drill team on the floor, but took first place in both drill and crochet. The juniors gained first place for plain needlework, elocution, folk dancing and drill, and second place for knitting, May Queen and singing, and richly deserved to bear off the other trophy alluded to. The display consisted of a repetition of their prize-winning efforts, the needlework being shown on a table in front of the platform, together with the Cup, picture, and certificates. The girls further showed their versatility by the performance of two short plays—"The Butterfly Queen" by the juniors, and "Cinderella" by the seniors, both of which were very pretty and effective. A feature of the evening was the presentation by Mrs. E. I. Fripp of the medals won by the juniors in the Belfast Musical Competitions, and of four special prizes, kindly given by Mr. John G. Blair, to the two best senior girls and the two best junior girls; these consistee of a wristlet watch, gold medal, and two silver medals. Votes of thanks to all who contributed to the success of the evening brought the proceedings to a close. 1st Place (Senior) Wristlet Watch, Gertie Wilson; 2nd Place (Senior) Silver Medal, Nellie M'Manus. 1st Place (Junior) Gold Medal, Hilda Bell; 2nd Place (Junior) Silver Medal, Ellie Burns.

* *

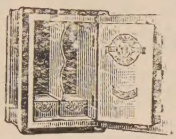
Templepatrick.—This congregation held its Annual Meeting on Friday Evening, 28th April, in the Roughfort Schoolroom. There was an excellent attendance of members. The proceedings commenced with tea, over which the ladies of the congregation presided. Mr. John B. Moore, Secretary, presented a statement of accounts, and, as they showed a small deficit, made a practical suggestion as to how the deficit could be made good. A small Committee considered some repairs necessary to Church property.

T. EDENS OSBORNE,

4 COLLEGE SQUARE NORTH, BELFAST.

General Merchant; Importer of Specialities from all Countries; Hardware Novelties; Cycles, Phonographs; Gramophones; Zonophones; Book Safes; Filters; Oil Stoves; Carpet Sweepers, Olivewood Goods; "Sapolio" Scouring Soap, etc.

Walter Filters, "Filtre Rapide," and "Berkefeld."



Safes, Milners' and Phillips'.

Write for Lists.

Gramophones, 'His Master's Voice." "Columbia." "Regal." "Zonophone." "Decca," etc.

Phonographs · "Edison." "Amberola." and the New Edison Disc Phonograph.

Table Filters.

Phonograph and Gramophone Records—Lists Free.

Telephone No. 687. **Telegrams: "Osborne, Belfast."**

The item on the programme which commanded greatest interest was the presentation of a beautiful silver lamp to Mr. and Mrs. Archie Thompson on the occasion of their marriage. Rev. A. Turner introduced the subject and reminded the young people especially how well Mr. Thompson had led them to the conclusion of a highly successful bazaar held in Templepatrick last June when a sum of over £400 was raised for repairs to Church property. Mr. Thompson had done well for the Church and the congregation desired in this way to express all good wishes for his and his bride's future well-being and happiness. In raising this handsome present they were indebted to Messrs. H. Barrett and A. Reid who had seen to the details. Miss Getty on behalf of the congregation made the presentation and Mr. Thompson for himself and Mrs. Thompson made suitable reply. During the proceedings Miss Alexander and Miss M'Crea sang a selection of songs, and the presence of these ladies and their songs were greatly appreciated by all present. It was one of the best meetings held at the Roughfort and will be pleasantly remembered by all who were privileged to be there.

THE GOSPEL CATECHIST

OR

THE TRUTH CONCERNING JESUS CHRIST, HIS RELIGION AND TEACHING.

LONDON: C. W. DANIEL, LTD.

May be had from EUSTACE GORDON 35 Rosemary Street, Belfast,
or from the Author, REV. EUSTACE THOMPSON Cairncastle.

(PRICE 5s. net. Postage, 3d.)

Although this book is intended to be useful in the SUNDAY SCHOOL—to be possessed by the Scholars themselves as well as by their teachers, it is primarily designed for ALL SORTS OF READERS who, having paid but little attention to the Bible, feel nevertheless that they ought to know what the Gospels tell us about Jesus Christ—about the course and purpose of his public ministry, the cause of His crucifixion, and the substance of His religious beliefs and of His teaching. Much information is given under these headings in a small space; whilst for the benefit of those who would study the subject more fully, much additional information is added ih the form of notes in smaller type.

The book is quite undenominational in tone; but is written from a point of view common among people of a Unitarian way of thinking, and no one could read it without perceiving what a reasonable way of thinking that is, and how important it must be as the condition of the development of a Religion, Worship and Practice of a true Christian type.

It is NOT A CATECHISM, but it answers numerous questions such as a modern inquirer might wish to ask.

LOWDEN'S for

ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS of every description.

PERFECT SANITATION and High and Low Pressure **Hot Water Systems**, also Artistic Hearth Furniture, Art Metal Goods and General Household Hardware.

JAMES LOWDEN & CO., Ltd.,
44/46 Ann Street, - BELFAST.

Dame Fashion's Ulster Embassy

Hall & Arbuckle's,
Royal Avenue, Belfast.

The secret of good Tea is in the blending.

I hold a First Class Diploma for Tea Blending.

A TRIAL ORDER SOLICITED.

R. M. LAIRD, Select Family Grocer, **8 Cromac Street.**

COAL

JOHN MILLIGEN & CO., Ltd.

18 Donegall Square North.

Phone 2514 (3 lines)

Modern Handbooks of Religion.

Crown 8vo., 256 pp., 2/6 net.

The Divine in Art and Literature. By W. Lawrence Schroeder, M.A.

The Revelation of God in Nature and Man. By Edgar Thackray, M.A., B.D., PH.D.

Jesus and Christianity in the Twentieth Century. by Alfred Hall, M A.

Religion as Affected by Modern Science and Philosophy. By Stanley A. Mellor, B.A., PH.D.

Religion in Social and National Life. By H. D. Roberts.

The New Testament in the Light of Modern Knowledge. By Herbert McLachlan, M.A., B.D.

Communion of Man with God. By R. Nicol Cross, M.A.

Eternal Life Here and Hereafter. By S. H. Mellone, M.A., D.SC.

THE LINDSEY PRESS, 5 ESSEX STREET, STRAND, LONDON, W.C.

These Books may be ordered from the Repository, 35 Rosemary Street, Belfast.

Printed by J. Adams, New King Street, Belfast. May also be had from Mr. Eustace Gordon, the Depository Rosemary Street, Belfast: and from Rev. H J. Rossington, Ardeevin. Cadogan Park, Belfast, to whom all communications respecting the Magazine should be addressed Busines Agent—Rev. George J. Slipper, Needham Street, Newry, Co. Down.

"VICTOR" PURPLE TOP SWEDE SEED.

IN 1921 our "Victor" Purple Top Swede Seed has produced Turnips which have obtained many First Prizes, and the coveted position it occupies is very gratifying to us. For many years this Swede has held foremost place for clean smooth skin, hard sound flesh, good keeping quality, and weight per acre. When you go to the trouble and expense of cultivating, manuring, &c., see that you sow the best seed, which is M'Ervel's "VICTOR."

Our Permanent Pasture Mixture made up according to our own prescription has no equal. You are assured of a good first and second crop and a thick compact sole of grazing for years to come.

Implements and Machines have come down very considerably in price in keeping with the slump in price of farm produce and other things. We hope to see the trade revived this year, as prices are now well within the reach of Farmers. We hold a stock of freshly made Mowers, Reapers, Binders, Rakes, Tedders, Swath Turners, in fact every Implement and Machine needed on the farm.

Feeding Stuffs in many instances are at pre-war prices and as the price of fat beasts has fallen you can still feed them profitably if you buy from:—

T. & J. M'ERVEL, LTD.,
40, VICTORIA SQUARE, BELFAST

THE LINDSEY PRESS

JUST PUBLISHED.

Cr. 8vo. MUSICAL ILLUSTRATIONS. 2s. 6d. Net.

NONCONFORMIST CHURCH MUSIC

BY JOSEPH WOOD.

THIS Volume was written in the hope that it might persuade leaders of public worship to take a more active and intelligent interest in the music of the Church. The writer considered that it is comparatively easy to have beautiful music even under the frequently unfavourable conditions of the small Noncomformist place of worship. Organists will read the book with interest and not infrequently with advantage, whilst there can be but few ministers who will not receive considerable help from its perusal.

LINDSEY PRESS, 5 ESSEX STREET, STRAND, LONDON, W.C. 2.

Ulster Unitarian Christian Association

35 ROSEMARY STREET, BELFAST.

Business Hours—9 till 6.
Saturday—9 till 1.

Secretary—Mr. C. J. M'KISACK.

THE DEPOSITORY is open daily for the sale of Unitarian Literature, including the publications of the British and Foreign Unitarian Association, S. School Association, Manchester District S. School Association, and American Unitarian Association. Tracts and Pamphlets expository of Unitarian Principles may be had free on application, or will be sent by post to enquirers if stamped envelope is enclosed with application.

A large assortment of Bibles and Hymn Books always in stock; also a large selection of Books by popular authors, suitable for Home Reading and School Prizes.
Books at Lowest Discount Prices for Cash.
Any book not in stock will be procured on shortest notice.

The shop is under the personal management of Mr. EUSTACE CORDON, to whom all business communications should be addressed.

N.B.—To enable the Committee to carry on its important work, new and increased Subscriptions are earnestly solicited, and should be sent to

Rev. G. J. SLIPPER, Hon. Treasurer, NEEDHAM ST., Newry.